

# MIDWEST HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## ALERT

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### SEDGWICK COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORDS

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Library Hours:

Tuesday & Saturday

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Genealogists love marriage records, and MHGS has a lot of them for Sedgwick County.

We recently received the marriage ledgers from the courthouse covering the years May 1870 to July 1974. Each record in this book records the date of the application, the names of the bride and groom, the date of the marriage and the name of the person who performed the marriage. For some records, the records also contain the names of the witnesses. At some point, we'd like to index and scan these ledgers, but for now, you can use them in the basement of the library.



We also have other marriage records.

**Marriage Indexes:**

We have a published marriage index from May 7, 1870 to Nov 25, 1933 ( R-210 226.) We also have marriage indexes on the website. These cover May 9, 1870 to May 24, 1922, May 24, 1922 to 25 Nov. 1933 and May 24, 1922 to December 1941.

**Marriage Licenses:**

We have marriage licenses on paper in the file cabinets downstairs and microfilm from February 1879 - April 1913. It appears that most of the 1884 licenses were missing before microfilming and transfer to MHGS.

**Marriage Affidavits:**

We have marriage affidavits on microfilm from May 1909 - December 1950. We also have the original affidavits through 1989. There are some missing: 1907-8 and a few in December 1941, which were missing before microfilming, and 1943-50, which are being indexed but are on the microfilm. Some affidavits are missing even if they are listed in the index. There are some license applications with no returns to confirm that a marriage was performed. There is even a period, April 1, 1915 to May 28, 1917, for which there are no marriages recorded, although there are applications. In general, if the online index uses a date as the identifier, we have the record. If the online index uses a number, such as R405, we do not have the record.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & LIBRARY EVENTS

*WRITING A PROFILE OF YOUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR.* Saturday July 1 @ 1:30. Led by Julia Langel. A workshop to get you started writing your family history. This month we'll keep working on our ancestor's military service.

*POWER UP YOUR GENEALOGY.* Tuesday, July 11 @ 1:30 to 3 pm. Led by Julia Langel. Let's power up our research techniques! This month we'll be learning about photo editing.

*GENEALOGY DNA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP.* Saturday, July 8 @ 1 pm to 2 pm. Led by Paul Renner Smith. Discover the latest news in the field of Genealogical DNA study. This informal discussion group uses the newest information available to learn what DNA can tell us about our ancestors. Learn what different tests are available and where.

*GENEALOGY ON THE INTERNET.* Saturday, July 15 @ 10 am. Led by Jim Scharnhorst. Genealogy research has embraced the computer as not only the most efficient way to organize data, but the quickest way to access historical records. The ongoing digitization of documents for preservation purposes makes them searchable, economical, and immediately available. Our meeting is for sharing the sites we find most useful, finding solutions to problems that have developed, and learning what the future holds.

*DAR/SAR SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP.* Saturday July 15 @ 1 pm. Led by Sandi Bush and Lucille Williams. Get help with the application process, learn what records you need to qualify for membership, and find out all the details. We'll provide assistance for both the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

*AFRO-AMERICAN SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP.* Saturday July 22 @ 1 pm. Led by Jozel Smith Eckels. Interest group that encourages historical and genealogical study of families with special emphasis on African-Americans. This informal group seeks to learn more of the history and factors within the family stories that we have been given. We will demonstrate how to research your family tree with the goal of discovering and understanding your family history.

## POWER-UP SIG NOTES

The program on July 11, will be on Photo Editing, led by Twila Ackley Brown and Bev Jackson.

## JULIA'S LATEST BOOK ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

- St Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly R-300 V48-49
- Harper County Connections R-210 HP 08
- Blair County Genealogical Society Newsletter R-410 333
- MCGS Reporter R-500 020
- Theakiki (The A-KI-KI) R-180 234
- Prairie Pioneer R-180 189
- Genealogical Tips R-440 048
- Root Cellar Preserves (Sacramento) R-050 V 35, 36
- CCGS Newsletter R-210 CD 10 2014,2015,2016
- County Connections R-210 HV 2014,2015, 2016
- The Homesteader R-210 HV V 11,12,13
- The Treearcher R-210 FO 13 V 58
- Edgar County Genealogical Society Quarterly R-180 241 V 12-14

## UPCOMING LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Celebrate America! At Old Cowtown Museum, Saturday, July 1, 10 to 5. Celebrate Independence at Cowtown with good old fashioned fun! Watch vintage baseball, catch a gunfight, see the saloon girls, play carnival games and watch us crown the King and Queen of Cowtown! This year's Celebrate America promises to provide a good ol' time for everyone. Don't miss the lazy games of horseshoes, sack races, ice cream, hot dogs, hamburgers and a beer garden for those lookin' to quench their thirst on the finest brew Cowtown has to offer. MHGS will have a table at Fechheimer's Dry Goods & Clothing.
- Riley County Genealogy Fair, August 19, 10 am – 3 pm, CICO Park, Manhattan, KS. Admission \$5. Classes, exhibits and information tables. rileycgs.com
- Wichita Genealogical Society Annual Conference “A Day with Ancestry” with speaker Juliana Szucs. October 14, 2017, WSU Hughes Metroplex.
- Chisholm Trail 150 th Celebration, Delano/Wichita, Ks, October, 2017 –more info later.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to our new members! And thanks to everyone who renewed their membership! (And if you haven't renewed yet, there's still time...) We have 133 members as of mid-June.

We've had quite a few new visitors who have been bitten by the genealogy bug.

## DILLONS COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Go to <https://www.dillons.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>

If you have already created an online account for your Plus Card, click “Sign In,” if not, click “Create an Account,” scroll to bottom of the page to the “Community Rewards” section, and enter organization number 48325. Use your plus card whenever you shop.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Call 316-264-3611 for information or to check on library closings

Closed July 4 for Independence Day Holiday

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